

I. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An air-bag comprising, the air-bag defining at least one inflatable region, the air-bag being provided with a gas supply duct extending into the air-bag, the gas supply duct being formed of a flexible material and being provided with a plurality of apertures ~~at least one aperture~~ therein through which an ~~inflatable~~ inflating gas may flow into the said at least one inflatable region of the air-bag, the said ~~at least one aperture~~ apertures being provided with a reinforcement reinforcing ~~[[the]] peripheries~~ periphery of the ~~aperture~~ apertures, wherein the reinforcement being formed of an elongated reinforcing element defining a plurality of openings, the reinforcing element being affixed onto a surface of the gas supply duct about the apertures, wherein the openings of the reinforcing element are aligned with corresponding apertures of the gas supply duct and the reinforcing element does not extend around the gas supply duct.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The air-bag according to Claim 1, wherein the flexible material comprises fabric or a plastic material.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The air-bag according to Claim 1, wherein the flexible material comprises foil.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the gas supply duct is of an elongate form.

5. (Withdrawn) An air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the gas supply duct is provided with a plurality of the apertures, each of the apertures being associated with a reinforcement.

6. (Withdrawn) An air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein each of the apertures is provided with a respective reinforcement.

7. (Currently Amended) An air-bag comprising, according to Claim 4 the air-bag defining at least one inflatable region, the air-bag being provided with a gas supply duct extending into the air-bag, the gas supply duct being formed of a flexible material and being provided with at least one aperture therein through which an inflating gas may flow into the said at least one inflatable region of the air-bag, the said at least one aperture being provided with a reinforcement reinforcing a periphery of the aperture, wherein the reinforcement is stitching provided in the flexible material forming the gas supply duct.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The air-bag according to Claim 7 wherein the reinforcement comprises a length of thread extending across the aperture so as to tie together opposing parts of the ~~[[or]]~~ aperture.

9. (Withdrawn) An air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the reinforcement comprises an annular reinforcing element.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the reinforcement is formed of fabric ~~a single reinforcing element defining a plurality of apertures.~~

11. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The air-bag according to Claim ~~[[9]]~~ 10 wherein the reinforcing element is ~~adhered~~ adhesively bonded to the flexible material.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The air-bag according to Claim ~~[[9]]~~ 10 wherein the reinforcing element is formed of a single layer of fabric.

13. (Currently Amended) An air-bag comprising, according to Claim 11 wherein the reinforcing element is a region of adhesive which also

~~bonds parts of the flexible material together to form the gas supply duct. the~~
air-bag defining at least one inflatable region, the air-bag being provided with
a gas supply duct extending into the air-bag, the gas supply duct being
formed of a flexible material and being provided with a plurality of apertures
therein through which an inflating gas may flow into the said at least one
inflatable region of the air-bag, the said apertures being provided with a
reinforcement reinforcing peripheries of the apertures, wherein the
reinforcement being formed of overlapping portions of the flexible material
affixed together by adhesive, wherein the overlapping portions do not extend
around the gas supply duct.

14. (Currently Amended) An air-bag according to Claim 13 wherein the aperture is in the form of a slit through the overlapping portions of the flexible material and the adhesive.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the air-bag defines a plurality of inflatable regions or chambers.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the air-bag is an inflatable curtain, the gas supply duct being positioned to supply gas to each of the inflatable regions or chambers.

17. (New) The air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the gas supply duct is formed of a single layer of the flexible material.

18. (New) The air-bag according to Claim 17 wherein the flexible material is fabric.

19. (New) The air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the flexible material is formed of plastic material and the reinforcing element is sonically welded to the flexible material.

20. (New) The air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the reinforcing element is formed of plastic material and the reinforcing element is sonically welded to the flexible material.